



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

Stephen C. Murphy

Serial No.: 09/069,728

Filed: April 29, 1998

Title: A METHOD FOR ENTERING DATA  
INTO A COMPUTER USING A  
PERIPHERAL INPUT DEVICE HAVING  
A RETRACTABLE CORD

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Group Art No.: 2775

Examiner: F. Alphonse

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REPLY TO AN OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 2, 2001

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 11 and 22-25 without prejudice.

REMARKS

A Substitute Power of Attorney and Change of Address was filed on December 18, 2000,  
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In an Office Action mailed on January 2, 2001, claims 1, 11, 12, 15-17, 20-27, 34 and 35  
were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Graybill; and claims 2-9, 13, 14,  
18, 19, and 27-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graybill in

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